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MAYOR HIGHLIGHTS PROGRESS ON GEORGIA STREET

CONSTRUCTION ON SCHEDULE FOR OCTOBER COMPLETION

INDIANAPOLIS – From the top floor of the World of Wonders parking garage, Mayor Greg Ballard today showcased the progress of the Georgia Street Improvements Project and announced that construction remains on schedule for an October completion date.

“The Georgia Street Improvements Project is the centerpiece for attracting major events, visitors and residents to our great downtown,” said Mayor Ballard. “Once complete, Georgia Street will provide the community with easy access to our sports venues, new event space and breathe new life into the Wholesale District.”

The Georgia Street Improvements Project includes the reconstruction of three blocks of Georgia Street from Pennsylvania Street to Capitol Avenue and will provide safe pedestrian access from the Indiana Convention Center to Conseco Fieldhouse. Georgia Street is being converted to a two-lane street with a mall in the median for flexible event space. Other project highlights include lighting, bike racks and sustainable infrastructure that will successfully divert storm water in that area from the sewer system.

“The fans and visitors here for the 2012 Super Bowl as well as our hometown residents will be some of the first to enjoy the transformation of Georgia Street,” said Allison Melangton, president and chief executive officer of the 2012 Indianapolis Super Bowl Host Committee. “For years to come, people will enjoy this wonderful new amenity our city has to offer.”

The project is scheduled to be substantially complete in October 2011. Work continues on all blocks, with the west block being nearest to completion. Eighty percent of the project is funded by federal dollars and 20 percent comes from local funds. For more information on the Georgia Street Improvements Project or for bi-weekly project updates, visit www.indy.gov/georgiastreet.

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